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U.S. DISTRICT COURT SEEKS ATTORNEY INPUT ON NEW ELECTRONIC CASE-FILEING SYSTEM

BOSTON (Aug. 5, 2002) – The U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts is asking lawyers to participate in a survey designed to evaluate the preparedness of the bar for a new case-management and electronic case-files system (CM/ECF) slated to be online in the spring of 2003.

The questionnaire is available on the court's Web site at www.mad.uscourts.gov. Tony Anastas, clerk of the court, urged members of the bar to complete the questionnaire by Thursday, Aug. 15,. The questionnaire can be completed on line, returned by e-mail to Debby_Keefe@mad.uscourts.gov or by standard mail to: Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, Suite 2300, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210 to the attention of Deborah Keefe. More details on the CM/ECF project in the District of Massachusetts can be found by clicking onto the CM/ECF link on the court's Web site at www.mad.uscourts.gov.

"The United States District Court in Massachusetts is currently involved in the implementation stage of a new electronic filing system," Anastas said. "When the system is complete, attorneys, as well as others, will be able to file, conduct service of documents and access those documents through the Internet."

Full participation in the survey, Anastas said, will "ensure a smooth transition" to electronic filing by assisting his office in determining the ability of CM/ECF users to adapt to the new system.

For additional information, please contact Helen Costello, project manager in the Office of the Clerk, at (617) 748-4428 or Ginny Hurley, operations manager, at (617) 748-9166.